

REMARKS

Claims 65, 66, 70, 71, 80-82, 84, and 85 were pending at the time of the Office action. Claims 80-82, 84, and 85 have been allowed. Claims 65 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 70 and 71 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim. Applicants address each of these rejections and objections as follows.

Claim Amendments

Claims 65 and 66 have been canceled. Claims 70 and 71 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 81 and 82 have been amended to correct a minor typographical error. The present amendments were made solely to expedite prosecution, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in this or in a continuing application. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 70-71 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner states (page 5) that claims 70 and 71 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, Applicants have rewritten claims 70 and 71 in independent form and, as such, the objection to claims 70 and 71 may now be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 65 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. To expedite prosecution, claims 65 and 66 have been canceled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 65 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tandon et al. (*Biochem. J.* 274:435-442, 1991) and also by Wicki et al. (*Eur. J. Biochem.* 153:1-11, 1985). To expedite prosecution, claims 65 and 66 have been canceled.

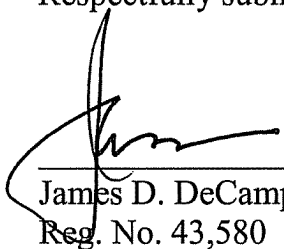
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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